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the galley & placed on the table, by which ingeniously long ex-
ecution they are always exten half cold when we have done
our soup. No lack of good material half spoilt from the way
it is served. Besides as it is carved on the table gentlemen's
favorite joints in front of them never get any dinner themselves.
Puddings & pies are better, as they come to the table direct, & are
attacked at once. The liquors too are not very good & decidedly
dear: to my disgust a light claret down on the wine list
is discovered to be unapproachable at present owing to its being
covered with other packages. Probably it will be purchasable when
we are running down the roaring forties, & are shivering in
greatcoats. The steward & his assistants are certainly duffers,
the former from his want of management, the latter from

being mostly unused to shipboard, only working their passages. 7
However things above & below are kept clean & sweet, though
with great waste of work; & that is no light consideration now
we getting into hot weather. They say on board that Moneybags
have not made this big ship pay yet, & so they are very careful
about any extra outlay on her account. It is a bad plan
for owners, who wish to make their ship a favorite, giving
passengers the power of grumbling even at trifles. One ad-
vantage we have that was wanting in the Frenchman, & that is
in capital bathrooms with plenty of water. There are 2, 1 for
ladies & 1 for gentlemen: the latter begin some as early as
5 in the morning, & from then till breakfast time there is such
a string of applicants that a notice has been posted in the